

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-18 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 1, 3, 5, and 9 have been amended to better describe certain aspects of the invention. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 2-4, 9, 15, and 16 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2.

Claim 9 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The Enablement Rejection

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-14, 17, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lacking enablement for certain aliphatic monocarboxylic acids (however, it is noted that the Examiner expressly acknowledged enablement exists for C4-C30 aliphatic monocarboxylic acids). Since the allowable subject matter of claim 2 has been inserted into claim 1, the rejection is rendered moot.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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